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SHOWING HOW TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS CHARACTERS, AS WELL AS TO SHOW FORTH THE BEAUTIES OF GOD'S WORD IN ADAPTING ITSELF TO THE WANTS AND COMFORTS OF PERSONS IN THEIR VARIFIED CONDITIONS.

"*Take the Sword of the Spirit which is The Word of God.*"—Ep. 6:17.

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THIS BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO

THOMAS B. MARCHE, ESQ.,

who has stood by me in trials and difficulties and shared all. For several years a friendship has existed which I trust will survive the grave, and though it cannot be much to you that I place your name, with mine, on this humble page; yet a friendship which has never known abatement and to which I owe many of the sweetest recollections of my life prompts me to do it.

Yours fraternally,

THE COMPILER.

INTRODUCTION.

In this small but useful work is contained a Christian Worker's Ready to Hand passages of scripture, all written in full, to meet the requirements of the various classes of persons with whom they may come in contact. Thus serving to answer questions, remove doubts and point the enquiring to the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

There are also special verses and chapters to be read at special times and on special occasions; together with commands, prayers and promises under different subjects.

May God bless His own word for His name's sake, is the prayer of the compiler.

SOUL WINNING TEXTS.

Daniel 12:3.—And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

James 5:20.—Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins.

2 Corinthians 9:8.—And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.

John 5:24.—Verily, verily I say unto you he that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.

Isaiah 12:2.—Behold God in my salvation I will trust and not be afraid for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.

Joshua 1:8, 9.—This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein for them. Thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

John 14:12.—Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto My Father.

Prov. 11:30.—The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise.

TEXTS FOR BACKSLIDERS

or for those who say: "I Once Knew—I Have Fallen From Grace;" or for those who Have Grown Cold.

Je. 2:19.—Thine own wickedness shall correct thee and thy backslidings shall reprove thee, know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God and that My fear is not in thee saith the Lord God of hosts.

Je. 3:13, 14.—Only acknowledge thine iniquity that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree and ye have not obeyed My voice saith the Lord.

Turn, O, backsliding children, saith the Lord, for I am married unto you . . . . and I will bring you to Zion.

Je. 2:13.—For my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Je. 3:12.—Go and proclaim these words . . . . and say return thou backsliding Israel saith the Lord, and I will not cause Mine anger to fall upon you, for I am merciful saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever.

Hosea. 14:1, 2.—O, Israel return unto the Lord thy God for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words and turn to the Lord; say unto Him: Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously so will we render the calves of our lips.

id. 14:4.—I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely for Mine anger is turned away from him.

Jno. 3:16, 18.—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

id. 36.—He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Je. 2:5.—Thus saith the Lord: What iniquity have your fathers found in Me that they are gone far from Me and have walked after vanity and are become vain?

id. 27.—They have turned their back unto Me and not their face, but in the time of their trouble they will say Arise and Save Us.

Je. 3:23.—Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills and from the multitude of mountains. Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.

id. 22.—Return ye backsliding children and I will heal your backslidings. Behold we come unto Thee for Thou art the Lord our God

Psalm 32:5.—I acknowledged my sin unto Thee and mine iniquity have I not hid, I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

1 Jno. 1:9.—If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 id. 2:1.—If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 Kings 5:18.—The Lord pardon thy servant in this thing.

Psalm 66:18.—If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.

Prov. 14:14.—The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.

Jer. 14:7.—O, Lord, though our iniquities testify against us do thou it for Thy name's sake for our backslidings are many, we have sinned against Thee.

Hosea 11:8.—How shall I give thee up Ephraim? Mine heart is turned within me.

Mal. 3:7.—Ye are gone away from Mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto Me and I will return unto you saith the Lord of hosts.

Luke 9:62.—No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 15:18, 20.—I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him: Father I have sinned against Heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son, make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Luke 22:61, 62.—And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter and Peter remembered the word of the Lord . . . . And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Jno. 6:67.—Will ye also go away?

Heb. 10:38.—If any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Rev. 2:4, 5.—I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place except thou repent.

Rev. 3:20.—Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SLIGHTLY CONVICTED

or for the Good Enough's, or for the Indifferent, or for the Self-Righteous, or for the Careless.

Rom. 3:10, 22, 23.—It is written: There is none righteous, no not one, for there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

id. 7:24.—O, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

1 Jno. 1:10.—If we say that we have not sinned we make God a liar and His word is not in us.

Ecc. 7:20.—For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not.

Is. 53:6.—All we like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way.

Jer. 6:14.—They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly saying peace, peace, when there is no peace.

1 Jno. 1:8.—If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Jas. 2:10.—For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all.

Psalm 143:2.—And enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Acts 13:39.—And by Him (Jesus) every one that believeth is justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Is. 53:6.—The Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.

Gal. 2:16.—Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Ep. 2:8, 9.—For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast.

Is. 1:5, 6.—The whole head is sick and the whole heart faint, from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores.

Jno. 3:3.—Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

id. 3:7.—Ye must be born again.

Num. 32:23.—Ye have sinned against the Lord and be sure your sin will find you out.

Psalm 9:17.—The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.

Prov. 12:14.—The recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Ecc. 11:9.—Rejoice O, young man in thy youth and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Ezek. 18;4.—The soul that sinneth it shall die.

Isa. 45:22.—Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth.

Matt. 9:12.—They that be whole need not a physician.

id. 25:40.—And these shall go away into everlasting punishment

Mark 16:16.—He that believeth not shall be damned.

Luke 5:32.—I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Luke 13:3.—Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

Jno. 3:18.—He that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

id. 36.—He that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Acts 3:19.—Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out.

Acts 17:30.—God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

Rom. 6:23.—The wages of sin is death.

Gal. 3:22.—The scripture hath concluded all under sin.

2 Thess. 1:7, 8.—The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb. 2:3.—How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

2 Pet. 2:9.—To reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOO MANY THINGS TO GIVE UP.

Mark 8:35, 37.—For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake the same shall save it.

For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Phi. 3:7, 8.—But what things were gain to me those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless and I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them dung that I may win Christ.

Luke 14:24.—For I say unto you that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of My supper.

Jos. 24:15.—And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Matt. 6:33.—Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 18:24.—How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.

id. 23.—And when the rich ruler heard this he was very sorrowful for he was very rich.

Jno. 1:12.—But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name.

Rom. 8:16, 18.—The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Heb. 11:24 id. 26.—By faith Moses when he was come to years refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE TOO GREAT SINNERS TO BE SAVED,

or for the Penitent, or for those Under Very Deep Conviction, or for the Despondent.

Isa. 1:18.—Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isa. 53:4, 5.—Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24.—Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed.

Luke 19:10.—For the Son of Man to come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Rom. 5:6.—For when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the un-Godly.

Isa. 43:25.—I even I am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake and will not remember thy sins.

id. 44:22.—I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions and as a cloud thy sins. Return unto Me for I have redeemed thee.

Rev. 22:17.—And the spirit and the bride (the church) say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Exod. 12:13.—And when I see the blood I will pass over you.

Lev. 17:11.—For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Psalm 51:10.—Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Isa. 53:6.—The Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all.

Ezek. 33:11.—As I live saith the Lord God I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways for why will ye die?

Matt. 9:12.—They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

id. 11:28, 29.--Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

id. 26:28.—This is My blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luke 5:32.—I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

id 14:17.—Come for all things are now ready.

id. 15:2.—This man receiveth sinners.

id. 15:20.—And he (the prodigal) arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Jno. 3:16, 17.—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved.

id. 5:21.--He that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.

id. 6:37.—Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

id. 7:37.--If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink.

id. 10:10.—I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

id. 10:9.—I am the door, by Me if any man enter in he shall go in and out and find pasture.

Acts 10:43.—Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

id. 16:31.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Rom. 5:8.—But God commendeth His love toward us n that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

id. 8:1.—There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

id. 10:4.—For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Gal. 3:13.—Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.

Ep. 1:7.—In whom we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

id. 2:8, 9.—For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.

1 Tim. 1:15, 17.—This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long suffering for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting. Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

id. 2:4.—Who (God) will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Tit. 2:11.—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Heb. 2:18.—He is able to succour them that are tempted.

id. 7:25.—Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

id. 8:12.—For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

1 Pet. 1:18, 19.—Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold. . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

id. 3:18.—For Christ also hath once suffered for sins the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.

2 Pet. 3:9.—God is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

1 Jno. 1:7.—The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

id. 3:16.—Hereby perceive we the love of God because He laid down His life for us.

id. 4:16.—And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love.

id. 4:9, 10.—In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

id. 19.—We love Him because He first loved us.

Rev. 5:9.—And they sang a new song, saying: Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain and

hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

id. 21:6.—I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED TO BECOME CHRISTIANS BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS,

or for The Deceived Formalist, or for those who say I Belong to Church, &c.

Je. 29:13.—And ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

Deu. 4:29.—But if from thence thou shall seek the Lord, thy God. Thou shall find Him if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Rom. 4:5.—But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the un-Godly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

id. 10:10.—For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.

Pr. 3:5.—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Ep. 2:8.—For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.

Psalm 51:10.—Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Isa. 55:8.—For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

Isa. 64:6.—But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags.

Jno. 1:11, 12.—He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

Acts 4:12.—Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

id. 13:39.—And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

id. 20:21.—Testifying . . . . repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 3:20.—By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight.

id. 4:3.—Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

id. 10:3, 4.—For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

id. 11:6.—And if by grace then is it no more of works otherwise grace is no more grace.

Gal. 2:16.—Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

id. 2:21.—If righteousness come by the law then Christ is dead in vain.

id. 3:21.—If there had been a law given which could have given life verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Ep. 2:9.—Not of works lest any man should boast.

Jam. 2:10.—For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point is guilty of all.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO LACK ASSURANCE,

or for Doubters, or for Doubting Christians, or for those who Say—
"Hope, Try, No One Can Be Sure."

Jno. 5:24.—Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

id. 6:47.—Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.

id. 20:30, 31.—And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing ye might have life through His name.

1 Jno. 3:2.—Beloved now are we the Son's of God.

2 Tim. 1:12.—I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

1 Jno. 5:13.—These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

id. 5:1.—Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.

2 Cor. 5:17.—Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.

Jno. 3:14, 15.—And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

id. 3:36.—He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

id. 5:40.—And ye will not come to Me that ye might have life.

id. 7:17.—If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself.

id. 10:28.—And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish; neither shall any pluck them out of My hand.

Acts 13:39.—And by Him (Christ) all that believe are justified from all things.

id. 16:31.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Rom. 4:5.—But to him that worketh not but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly his faith is counted for righteousness.

id. 8:1.—There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

id. 8:31, 32.—If God be for us who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

id. 33.—Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

id. 34.—Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us.

id. 8:35.—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

id. 37.—Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

id. 38.—For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come.

id. 39.—Nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

id. 10:9.—If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved.

id. 10:10.—For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Jno. 3:10.—In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God neither he that loveth not his brother.

id. 14.—We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

id. 24.—And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him and he in Him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us by the spirit which He hath given us.

id. 5:10, 12.—He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

He that hath the Son of God hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WAITING FOR FEELING INSTEAD OF MOVING FORWARD IN OBEDIENCE,

or for those who Don't Feel that They Are Saved, or for those who say—"If I Felt" &c.

Acts 10:43.—To Him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

id. 13:38, 39.—Be it known unto you therefore men and brethren that through This Man (Jesus) is preached unto you the Forgiveness of sins. And by Him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Jer. 17:9.—The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?

Jno. 3:18.—He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

id. 36.—He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Jno. 20:29.—Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.

Psalm 34:8.—O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

TEXTS FOR SKEPTICAL INQUIRERS

or for those why say "I Am Peculiar," "I Can't Believe," "I Think for Myself."

Jno. 6:40.—And this is the will of Him that sent Me that every one

which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day.

Psalm 25:14.—The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

Jno. 7:17.—If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God.

Psalm 14:1.—The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God.

Mark 16:16.—He that believeth not shall be damned.

Jno. 1:14.—And the word was made flesh, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

id. 8:14.—Jesus answered and said unto them: Though I bear record of Myself yet My record is true, for I know whence I came and whither I go, but ye cannot tell whence I come and whither I go.

id. 7:17.—If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of Myself.

id. 3:36.—He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

id. 18.—He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

id. 5:40.—And ye will not come to Me that ye might have life.

id. 6:29.—This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.

id. 10:37, 38.—If I do not the works of my Father believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me believe the works that ye may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I in Him.

Acts 4:12.—Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Rom. 1:21, 22, 28.—Because that when they knew God they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.

id. 3:3.—For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

id. 14:23.—And he that doubteth is damned . . . for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

2 Thess. 1:7, 8.—The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven

with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

id. 2:10.—Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.

Heb. 2:3.—How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

id. 11:6.—Without faith it is impossible to please Him (God) for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

1 Pet. 4:17, 18.—What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?

1 Jno. 3:23.—And this is His commandment: That we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

id. 5:9, 10.—If we receive the witness of men the witness of God is greater.

He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.

Rev. 21:8.—But the fearful and unbelieving . . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO STUMBLE AT THE INCONSISTENCIES OF PROFESSORS OF RELIGION,

or for the "I'm as Good as Others, Hypocrites," or for those who say "If I Can't Be Better than They, I Will Not Be a Christian."

Rom. 14:10–12.—But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: As I live saith the Lord every knee shall bow to Me and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Jno. 21:21, 22.—Peter seeing him (John) saith to Jesus: Lord and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him: If I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee, follow thou Me.

Matt. 7:1–3.—Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye.

Rom. 2:1.—Therefore thou art inexcusable, O, man, whosoever thou art that judgest, for wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself, for thou that judgest doest the same things.

id. 14:3, 4.—Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not, and let not him which eateth not, judge him that eateth, for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant, to his own master he standeth or falleth; yea he shall be holden up, for God is able to make him stand.

Jno. 6:29.—This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.

Gen. 6:5.—And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Isa. 45:23.—Unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Jer. 17:9.—The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?

Rom. 2:6.—Who will render to every man according to his deeds.

id. 3:10, 12.—There is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, there is none that doeth good; no not one.

1 Cor. 16:22.—If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be Anathema Maranatha, (accused or cut off when the Lord cometh.)

Jas. 4:12.—There is one law-giver who is able to save and to destroy. Who art thou that judgest another?

1 Jno. 1:10.—If we say that we have not sinned we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Jude. 14–16.—Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts, and their mouths speaking great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

TEXTS FOR PROCRASTINATORS

or for those who hesitate and say "There is Time Enough Yet," or for those who Wait a More Convenient Season, or for the Not Now's, or for the Not To-night—showing the time to Be Saved and the Danger of Delay.

Prov. 27:1—Boast not thyself of to-morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Jas. 4:13, 14, 16, 17.—Go to now ye that say to-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city and continue there a year and buy and sell and get gain, whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. But now ye rejoice in your boastings, all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

2 Cor. 6:2.—Behold now is the accepted time. Behold now is the day of salvation.

Heb. 3:13.—But exhort one another daily while it is called to-day lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Is. 1:18.—Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord.

Luke 12:19, 20.—And I will say to my soul: Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him: Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?

Heb. 3:15.—To-day if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts.

id. 2:3.—How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Jno. 12:35.—Walk while ye have the light.

Isa. 55:6.—Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.

Dan. 5:27.—Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.

Prov. 29:1.—He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Acts 26:28.—Almost thou persuadest me to be a christian.

id. 24:25.—Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

Gen. 6:3.—My spirit shall not always strive with man.

Jos. 24:15.—Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.

Prov. 1:24–31.—Because I have called and ye refused I have stretched out My hand and no man regarded. But ye have set at naught all My counsel and would none of My reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh as desolation and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me. For that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would none of My counsel, they despised all My reproof, therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own devices.

Jer. 8:20.—The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Mat. 24:44, 48–51.—Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart: My Lord delayeth His coming. The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 13:25–27.—When once the Master of the house is risen up and hath shut the door and ye begin to stand without and to knock at the door saying: Lord, Lord open unto us! And he shall answer and say unto you: I know you not whence ye are. . . . Depart from Me all ye workers of iniquity.

1 Thess. 5:2.—The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night.

Heb. 10:37.—For yet a little while and He that shall come will come and will not tarry.

Jas. 5:9.—Behold the Judge standeth before the door.

Rev. 22:10, 20.—The time is at hand. He which testifieth these things saith: Surely I come quickly.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO WANT A GOOD TIME.

Jno. 15:11.—These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Matt. 11:28.—Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Jno. 14.27.—Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you not as the world giveth give I unto you.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO COME,

or for the Enquiring, or for those who Want to Know How to Believe, or for the "I Will Try's."

Jno. 5:24.—Verily, verily I say unto you he that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.

It Is To Receive.—Jno. 1:11, 12, 29.—He came unto His own (the Jews) and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

It Is To Trust.—Isa. 26:3, 4.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

It Is To Take.—Rev. 22:17.—And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

Results of Believing, Joy.—These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Rest.—Matt. 11:28.—Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Peace.—Jno. 14:27.—Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

id. 10:9.—I (Christ) am the door, by Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture.

Isa. 63:1.—I (Jesus) mighty to save.

Jno. 3:16.—For God so loved the world He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

id. 3:36.—He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

Ep. 1:7.—In whom we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Is. 53:6.—The Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.

Rom. 10:9, 10.—If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from

the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Jno. 3:15, 16.—Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

id. 18.—He that believeth is not condemned.

Isa. 45:22.—Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else.

id. 55:1.—Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters and he that hath no money come ye, buy and eat, yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

THE MATCHLESS PROMISE.

Ezek. 36:25–28.—Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments and do them. . . . And ye shall be My people and I will be your God.

Deu. 4:29.—But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God thou shalt find Him if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Psalm 25:5.—Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation, on Thee do I wait all the day.

id. 34:8.—O, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

id. 116:13.—I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Isa. 55:1, 7.—Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money come ye, buy and eat, yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Matt. 11:28.—Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Jno. 6:37.—Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

id. 40.—And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone which seeth the Son may have everlasting life.

id. 47.—Verily, verily I say unto you: He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.

Acts 8:37.—I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

id. 16:30, 31.—What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Rom. 4:5.—But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

id. 6:23.—The gift of God is eternal life.

id. 10:13.—For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Jno. 14:26.—But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name; He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Ep. 1:7.—In whom (Christ) we have redemption, through His blood the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His graces.

TEXTS FOR INQUIRERS WHO HAVE BELIEVED BUT SOMETIMES ARE IN DARKNESS, ALL BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT CONFESSED CHRIST.

Rom. 10:10.—And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Luke 9:26.—For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when He shall come in His own glory and in His Father's and of His holy angels.

Matt. 10:32.—Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men him also will I confess before My Father, which is in heaven.

Luke 12:8.—Whosoever shall confess Me before men him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.

TEXTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID THAT THEY WILL NOT HOLD OUT,

or for The Can't Hold Outs, or for the Faithless and Faint Hearted Ones.

1 Pet. 4:19.—Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator.

Psalm 121:1, 2.—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.

Isa. 43:2.—When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned. Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

1 Cor. 10:13.—There hath no temptation (trials) taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted (tried) above that ye are able, but will with the temptation (trial) also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Cor. 12:9.—My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Heb. 7:25.—Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost (or evermore) that come unto God by Him seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Psalm 121:3–8.—He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.

Jude 24.—Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy.

Deu. 31:6.—Be strong and of a good courage. Fear not nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God He it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

Isa. 41:10.—Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

id. 43:1.—Fear not, for I have redeemed thee. I have called thee by thy name, thou art Mine.

2 Ti. 1:12.—For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

Josh. 1:5.—I will be with thee, I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

Jno. 4:14.—Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Isa. 41:13.—For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee: Fear not, I will help thee.

id. 46:10, 13.—My counsel shall stand and I will do all My pleasure. I bring near My righteousness, it shall not be far off and My salvation shall not tarry, and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel My Glory.

Jno. 6:40, 47.—And this is the will of Him that sent Me that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life. Verily, verily I say unto you: He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.

id. 10:27–29.—My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of My hand.

My Father which gave them Me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.

Rom. 4:21.—And (Abraham) being fully persuaded that what He (God) had promised He was able also to perform.

id. 8:35, 38, 39.—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword. I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

2 Cor. 9:8.—And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound in every good work.

Ep. 3:20.—Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Phi. 1:6.—Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Col. 3:3, 4.—Your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Heb. 2:18.—For in that He Himself hath suffered, being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.

WHEN IN GREAT AFFLICTION

get some one to read to you or repeat from memory Isaiah 43:1, 2.

Isa. 43:1, 2.—But now, thus saith the Lord, that created thee: O, Jacob, and He that formed thee, O, Israel, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee. I have called thee by thy name, thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

id. 53:7.—He was oppressed and He was afflicted

id. 63:9.—In all their afflictions He was afflicted.

Matt. 8:17.—Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.

WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED OF STRENGTH

and are Assailed by the Enemy read:

Deu. 31:6.—Be strong and of a good courage. Fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God He it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

id. 28:7.—The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways.

Isa. 54:17.—No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me saith the Lord.

WHEN THE ENEMY COMES IN LIKE A FLOOD READ:

Deu. 28:7.—The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways.

Isa. 59:19.—When the enemy shall come in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

WHEN YOU WANT MONEY

go to Haggai 2:8, and Psalms 37:4, 5.

Hag. 2:8.—For the silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 37:4, 5.—Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass.

WHEN YOU SEEK PROSPERITY

take Joshua 1:8, 9.

Josh. 1:8, 9.—This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou discouraged, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalm 42:11.—Who (God) is the health of my countenance and my God.

1 Chron. 29:12.—Both riches and honor come of Thee.

WHEN MANY DUTIES CALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION

and you feel especially weak 2 Corinthians 9:8 always gives the needed grace.

2 Cor. 9:8.—And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.

WHEN YOUR WAY IS HEDGED UP

and you are Blind as to Duty Isaiah 42:16 is like a rift in the clouds.

Isa. 42:16.—And I will bring the blind by a way they knew not. I will lead them in paths they have not known ; I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them.

DO YOU NEED HELP WHEN TEMPTED,

1 Corinthians 10:13 never fails.

1 Cor. 10:13.—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it.

Heb. 2:18.—For in that He (Christ) Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.

DO YOU NEED COMFORTING,

read the Comfort Chapter John 16:22–33.

22.—And ye now therefore have sorrow but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you.

23.—And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily I say unto you: Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24.—Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25.—These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs, but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.

26.—At that day ye shall ask in My name and I say not unto you that I will pray the Father for you.

27.—For the Father Himself loveth you because ye have loved Me and have believed that I came out from God.

28.—I came forth from the Father and I am come into the world; again I leave the world and go to the Father.

29.—His disciples said unto Him: Lo now speakest thou plainly and speakest no proverb.

30.—Now are we sure that Thou knowest all things and needest not that any man should ask Thee, by this we believe that Thou comest forth from God.

31.—Jesus answered them: Do ye now believe?

32.—Behold the hour cometh, yea is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33.—These things I have spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be ye of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

DO YOU NEED COMFORTING, READ:

Isa. 26:3, 4.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Heb. 13:5.—I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

DO YOU NEED WISDOM?

Read the Wisdom Chapter, Proverbs 3rd.

1.—My Son forget not My law, but let thine heart keep My commandments.

2.—For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee.

3.—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4.—So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5.—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6.—In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

7.—Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil.

8.—It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones.

9.—Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

10.—So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11.—My son despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of His correction.

12.—For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13.—Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding.

14.—For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15.—She is more precious than rubies and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her.

16.—Length of days is in her right hand and in her left hand riches and honor.

17.—Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

18.—She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her, and happy is every one that retaineth her.

19.—The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth, by understanding hath He established the heavens.

20.—By His knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew.

21.—My son let not them depart from thine eyes, keep sound wisdom and discretion.

22.—So shall they be life unto thy soul and grace to thy neck.

23.—Then shalt thou walk in thy ways safely and thy foot shall not stumble.

24.—When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid, yea thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25.—Be not afraid of sudden fear neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh.

26.—For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27.—Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

28.—Say not unto thy neighbor: Go and come again, and tomorrow I will give when thou hast it by thee.

29.—Devise not evil against thy neighbor seeing that he dwelleth secretly by thee.

39.—Strive not with a man without cause if he have done thee no harm.

31.—Envy not the oppressor and choose none of his ways.

32.—For the forward is abomination to the Lord but His secret is with the righteous.

33.—The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked, but He blesseth the habitation of the just.

34.—Surely He scorneth the scorners but He giveth grace unto the lowly.

35.—The wise shall inherit glory but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

DO YOU WANT ASSURANCE THAT YOU ARE SAVED?

John 5:24 and 1 Jno. 5:13 will answer you.

John 5:24.—Verily, verily I say unto you: He that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

1 John 5:13.—These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

WHEN YOU ARE WEAK

read the Rock Chapter Deuteronomy 32d.

1.—Give ear, O, ye heavens, and I will speak, and hear, O, earth, the words of My mouth.

2.—My doctrine shall drop as the rain; My speech shall distil as the dew as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.

3.—Because I will publish the name of the Lord ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4.—He is the rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are judgment a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.

5.—They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of His children, they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6.—Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? Is not He thy father that hath bought thee? Hath He not made thee and established thee?

7.—Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father and he will shew thee thy elders and they will tell thee.

8.—When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9.—For the Lord's portion is His people, Jacob is the lot of His inheritance.

10.—He found him in a desert land and in the waste howling wilderness. He led him about; He instructed him; He kept him as the apple of His eye.

11.—As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings.

12.—So the Lord alone did lead him and there was no strange God with him.

13.—He made him ride upon the high places of the earth that he might eat the increase of the field, and He made him to suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock.

14.—Butter of kine and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs and rams of the breed of Bashau, and goats with the fat of kidneys of wheat, and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

15.—But Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked; thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness, then he forsook God which made him and lightly esteemed the rock of his salvation.

16.—They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they Him to anger.

17.—They sacrificed unto devils not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18.—Of the rock that begat thee thou art unmindful and hast forgotten God that found thee.

19.—And when the Lord saw it He abhorred them because of the provoking of His sons and of His daughters.

20.—And He said I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be, for they are a very forward generation children in whom is no faith.

21.—They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22.—For a fire is kindled in Mine anger and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23.—I will heap mischief upon them; I will spend Mine arrows upon them.

24.—They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning

heat, and with bitter destruction. I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25.—The sword without and the terror within shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

26.—I said I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men.

27.—Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely and lest they should say: Our hand is high and the Lord hath not done all this.

28.—For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

29.—O, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

30.—How should one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?

31.—For Their Rock is not as Our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

WHEN DESPONDENT

read the 14th Chapter of John and Isaiah 35th. And thus the Word will become Sweeter to You than Honey in the Honey Comb.

John 14th Chapter 1–27.

1.—Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in Me.

2.—In My Father's House are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you.

3.—And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also.

4.—And whither I go ye know and the way ye know.

5.—Thomas saith unto Him: Lord we know not whither Thou goest and how can we know the way?

6.—Jesus saith unto him: I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

7.—If ye had known Me ye should have known my Father also, and from henceforth ye have known Him and have seen Him.

8.—Philip saith unto Him: Lord show us the Father and it sufficeth us.

9.—Jesus saith unto him: Have I been so long time with you and

yet hast thou not known Me Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then shew us the Father?

10.—Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

11.—Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works sake.

12.—Verily, verily I say unto you: He that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.

13.—And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14.—If ye shall ask anything in My name I will do it.

15.—If ye love Me keep My commandments.

16.—And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever.

17.—Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

18.—I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

19.—Yet a little while and the world seeth Me no more, but ye see Me because I live ye shall live also.

20.—At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father and ye in Me, and I in you.

21.—He that hath My commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth Me, and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

22.—Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world?

23.—Jesus answering said unto him: If a man love Me he will keep My words and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with Him.

24.—He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My sayings and the word which ye hear is not Mine but the Father's, which sent Me.

25.—These things have I spoken unto you, being present with you.

26.—But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.

27.—Peace, I leave with you My peace, I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

ISAIAH 35TH.

1.—The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

2.—It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing, the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

3.—Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not, behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense.

5.—He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6.—Then shall the lame leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb sing for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert.

7.—And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water, in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8.—A highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called The Way of Holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it but it shall be for those the way faring men, though fools shall not err therein.

9.—No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up there, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

10.—And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 70:4.—Let all those that see Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee, and let such as love Thy salvation say continually: Let God be magnified.

id. 71:24.—My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long, for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame that seek my hurt.

Isa. 41:10–13.—Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee: Fear not, I will help thee.

id. 49:15, 16.—I will not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands.

WHEN CHARACTER IS YOUR THEME

the chapter to read is Job 29.

1.—Moreover Job continued his parable and said:

2.—Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me.

3.—When His candle shined upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness.

4.—As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle.

5.—When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me.

6.—When I washed my steps with butter and the rock poured me out rivers of oil.

7.—When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street.

8.—The young men saw me and hid themselves and the aged arose and stood up.

9.—The princes refrained talking and laid their hand on their mouth.

10.—The nobles held their peace and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

11.—When the ear heard me then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me.

12.—Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless and him that had none to help him.

13.—The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me and I caused the widows heart to sing for joy.

14.—I put on righteousness and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

15.—I was eyes to the blind and feet was I to the lame.

16.—I was a father to the poor and the cause which I knew not.

17.—I searched out and I brake the jaws of the wicked and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18.—Then I said I shall die in my nest and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

19.—My root was spread out by the waters and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20.—My glory was fresh in me and my bow was renewed in my hands.

21.—Unto me men gave ear and waited and kept silence at my counsel.

22.—After my words they spake not again and my speech dropped upon them.

23.—And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24.—If I laughed on them they believed it not and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25.—I chose out their way and sat chief and dwelt as a king in the army as one that comforteth the mourners.

PSALM 71:8.

Psalm 71:8.—Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honor all the day.

WHEN TIRED

read the Rest Chapter Hebrews 4.

1.—Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His Rest any of you should seem to come short of it.

2.—For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them, but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard.

3.—For we which have believed do enter into Rest as He said: As I have sworn in My wrath if they shall enter into My Rest although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4.—For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise: And God did Rest the seventh day from all His works.

5.—And in this place again: If they shall enter into My Rest.

6.—Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief.

7.—Again He limiteth a certain day, saying, in David: To-day, after so long a time as it is said, To-day if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts.

8.—For if Joshua had given them Rest, then would He not have spoken of another day.

9.—There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10.—For he that is entered into his Rest he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from His.

11.—Let us labor therefore to enter into that Rest lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12.—For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13.—Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight

but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14.—Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15.—For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16.—Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Isa. 40:29–31.—He (God) giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Matt. 11:28.—Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF GROWING COLD AND INDIFFERENT

read the Duty Chapter of the Bible, Ezekiel 33:1–20.

1.—Again the word of the Lord came unto me saying:

2.—Son of man speak to the children of thy people and say unto them: When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts and set him for their watchman.

3.—If when he seeth the sword come upon the land he blow the trumpet and warn the people.

4.—Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet and taketh not warning—if the sword come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5.—He heard the sound of the trumpet and took not warning, his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his own soul.

6.—But if the watchman see the sword come and blow not the trumpet and the people be not warned. If the sword come and take any person from among them he is taken away in his iniquity but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7.—So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me.

8.—When I say unto the wicked: O, wicked man, thou shalt

surely die if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9.—Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it if he do not turn from his way he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10.—Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel. Thus ye speak, saying: If our transgressions and our sins be upon us and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11.—Say unto them: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12.—Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people: The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression, as for the wickedness of the wicked he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness, neither shall the righteous be able to live, for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live if he trust to his own righteousness and commit iniquity all his righteousness shall not be remembered, but for his iniquity that he hath committed he shall die for it.

14.—Again, when I say unto the wicked: Thou shalt surely die if he turn from his sin and do that which is lawful and right.

15.—If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

16.—None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him, he hath done that which is lawful and right he shall surely live.

17.—Yet the children of thy people say: The way of the Lord is not equal, but as for them their way is not equal.

18.—When the righteous turneth from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19.—But if the wicked turn from his wickedness and do that which is lawful and right he shall live thereby.

20.—Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. O, ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

ALSO READ THE TONIC CHAPTER WITH ITS BEEF, WINE AND IRON FOR THE SOUL, Psalm 27.

1.—The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

2.—When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh they stumbled and fell.

3.—Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me in this will I be confident.

4.—One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

5.—For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

6.—And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me, therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy, I will sing, yea I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7.—Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice, have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8.—When thou saidst: Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee: Thy face Lord will I seek.

9.—Hide not Thy face far from me, put not Thy servant away in anger, Thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake me O God of my salvation.

10.—When my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up.

11.—Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies.

12.—Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies, for false witnesses are risen up against me and such as breathe out cruelty.

13.—I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14.—Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart. Wait I say upon the Lord.

THE CONVERT'S CHAPTER FOR BABES IN CHRIST

Isaiah 12.

1.—And in that day thou shalt say: O Lord, I will praise Thee, though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away and Thou comfortest me.

2.—Behold God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song, He also is become my salvation.

3.—Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4.—And in that day shall ye say Praise the Lord, call upon His Name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His Name is exalted.

5.—Sing unto the Lord for He hath done excellent things, this is known in all the earth.

6.—Cry out and shout thou inhabitant of Zion for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

THE CHAPTERS OF BLESSINGS.

Deuteronomy 28 and Matthew 5.

Deut. 28.

1.—And it shall come to pass if thou shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day that the Lord thy God will set thee on high, above all nations of the earth.

2.—And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3.—Blessed shalt thou be in the city and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4.—Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks ot thy sheep.

5.—Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6.—Blessed shall thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7.—The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face, they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways,

8.—The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses and in all that thou settest thine hand unto, and He shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

9.—The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto Himself as He hath sworn unto thee if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in His ways.

10.—And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord and they shall be afraid of thee.

11.—And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12.—The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the Heaven,

to give the rain unto thy land in his season and to bless all the work of thine hand and thou shalt lend unto many nations and thou shalt not borrow.

13.—And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail, and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God which I command thee this day to observe and to do them.

Matthew 5:1–12.

1.—And seeing the multitudes Jesus went up into a mountain and when he was set His disciples came unto Him.

2.—And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3.—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4.—Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5.—Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6.—Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

7.—Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

8.—Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9.—Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

10.—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11.—Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12.—Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

THE LOVE CHAPTER

is 1 Corinthians 13.

1.—Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbol.

2.—And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not love I am nothing.

3.—And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

4.—Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5.—Doth not behave itself unseemty, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.

6.—Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth.

7.—Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8.—Love never faileth, but whether there be prophecies they shall fail, whether there be tongues they shall cease, whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away.

9.—For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10.—But when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away.

11.—When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things.

12.—For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13.—And now abideth faith, hope, Love, these three; but the greatest of them is Love.

THE CHAPTER FOR HYPOCRITES

is Matthew 23: 1–33.

1.—Then spake Jesus to the multitude and to His disciples, saying:

2.—The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

3.—All therefore, whatsoever they bid you observe, observe and do, but do not ye after their works, for they say and do not.

4.—For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5.—But all their works they do for to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments.

6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues.

7.—And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men Rabbi, Rabbi, (Master.)

8.—But be ye not called Rabbi, for one is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren.

9.—And call no man your father upon the earth, for one is your Father which is in heaven.

10.—Neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, Christ.

11.—But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12.—And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13.—But woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye

shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye devour widows houses and for a pretense make long prayers, therefore ye shall receive the greater condemnation.

15.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16.—Woe unto you, ye Blind Guides, which say: whosoever shall swear by the temple it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple he is a debtor.

17.—Ye fools and blind, for whether is greater the gold or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18.—And whosoever shall swear by the altar it is nothing, but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19.—Ye Fools and Blind, for whether is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20.—Whoso, therefore, shall swear by the altar sweareth by it and by all things thereon.

21.—And whoso shall swear by the temple sweareth by it and by Him that dwelleth therein.

22.—And he that shall swear by heaven sweareth by the throne of God and by Him that sitteth thereon.

23.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law; judgment, mercy and faith, these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone.

24.—Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

25.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26.—Thou blind Pharisee cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also.

27.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye are like unto whited sepulchres which indeed appear beautiful outward but are within full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness.

28.—Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29.—Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because ye build the tombs of the prophets and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous.

30.—And say: If we had been in the days of our fathers we could not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31.—Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32.—Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33.—Ye serpents, ye generations of vipers, how can ye escape the condemnation of hell?

FAITH AND WORK CHAPTER.

Those who have Faith and no Work read James 2:14–26.

14.—What doth it profit my brethren though a man say he hath faith and have not works, can faith save him?

15.—If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food

16.—And one of you say unto him: Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?

17.—Even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone.

18.—Yea a man may say: Thou hast faith and I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19.—Thou believest that there is one God thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble.

20.—But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21.—Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar?

22.—Seest thou how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect?

23.—And the scripture was fulfilled which saith Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, and he was called The Friend of God.

24.—Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only.

25.—Likewise also was not Rahab, the harlot, justified by works when she had received the messengers and had sent them out another way?

26.—For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

THE LOST AND FOUND CHAPTER

is Luke 15.

1.—Then drew near unto Him (Jesus) all the publicans and sinners for to hear Him.

2.—And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.

3.—And He spake this parable unto them, saying:

4.—What man of you having a hundred sheep if he lose one of them doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost until he find it?

5.—And when he hath found it he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing.

6.—And when he cometh home he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them: Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7.—I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance.

8.—Either what woman having ten pieces of silver if she lose one piece doth not light a candle and sweep the house and seek diligently till she find it.

9.—And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying: Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10.—Likewise I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11.—And He said: A certain man had two sons.

12.—And the younger of them said to his father: Father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me; and he divided unto them his living.

13.—And not many days after the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14.—And when he had spent all there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

15.—And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16.—And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave unto him.

17.—And when he came to himself he said: How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18.—I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him; Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee.

19.—And am no more worthy to be called thy son, make me as one of thy hired servants.

20.—And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21.—And the son said unto him: Father I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22.—But the father said to his servants: Bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet.

23.—And bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

25.—Now his elder son was in the field and as he came and drew nigh to the house he heard music and dancing.

26.—And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27.—And he said unto him: Thy brother is come and thy father hath killed the fatted calf because he hath received him safe and sound.

28.—And he was angry and would not go in, therefore came his father out and entreated him.

29.—And he answering said to his father: Lo these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment, and yet thou never gavest me a kid that I might make merry with my friends.

30.—But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

31.—And he said unto him: Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32.—It was meet that we should make merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.

THE TOPLESS CHAPTER

is Job 38.

1.—Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2.—Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3.—Gird up now thy loins like a man for I will demand of thee and answer thou Me.

4.—Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding.

5.—Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6.—Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof.

7.—When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8.—Or who shut up the sea with doors when it brake forth as if it had issued out of the womb?

9.—When I made the cloud the garment thereof and thick darkness a swaddling band for it.

10.—And brake up for it My decreed place and set bars and doors.

11.—And said: Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12.—Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days, and caused the dayspring to know his place

13.—That it might take hold of the ends of the earth that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14.—It is turned as clay to the seal and they stand as a garment.

15.—And from the wicked their light is withholden and the high arm shall be broken.

16.—Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17.—Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18.—Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19.—Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof.

20.—That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

21.—Knowest thou it because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?

22.—Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail

23.—Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24.—By what way is the light parted which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

25.—Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters or a way for the lightning of thunder.

26.—To cause it to rain on the earth where no man is, on the wilderness wherein there is no man.

27.—To satisfy the desolate and waste ground, and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28.—Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29.—Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

30.—The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31.—Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades or loose the bands of Orion?

32.—Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33.—Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34.—Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35.—Canst thou send lightnings that they may go and say unto thee: Here we are?

36.—Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

37.—Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven

38.—When the dust groweth into hardness and the clods cleave fast together?

39.—Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions

40.—When they couch in their dens and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41.—Who provided for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God they wander for lack of meat.

THE BOTTOMLESS CHAPTER

is Ephesians 3.

1.—For this cause I Paul the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles:

2.—If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you ward.

3.—How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote afore in few words.)

4.—Whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.

5.—Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealvd unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

6.—That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs and of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel.

7.—Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.

8.—Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

9.—And to make all men see what is the Fellowship of the Mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ.

10.—To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

11.—According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12—In whom we have boldness and access, with confidence by the faith of Him.

13.—Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you which is your glory.

14.—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15.—Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

16.—That He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.

17.—That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith that ye being rooted and grounded in love

18.—May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height.

19.—And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20.—Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

20.—Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER SERVICE.

Ephesians 3:20, 21.

This is a double climax, and no more emphatic words are found in the New Testament. They are picked words and packed words, and the thought rises to the highest summits of promise and of glory.

We arrange these verses to exhibit the double climax, beginning at the central words "Unto Him" and reading first up and then down, and observing, that as we ascend and descend, we come to stronger expressions, the climactic relation of the various parts will appear.

Exceeding abundantly
Or even think
That we ask
Above all
Is able to do
Who according to the power that worketh in us
Unto Him
In the church
By Christ Jesus
Throughout all ages,
World without end,
Be glory.
Amen.

TEXTS FOR THE SORROWFUL WIDOW.

Ex. 22:22.—Ye shall not afflict any widow.

Deu. 10:18.—God doth execute the judgment of the . . . widow.

Psalm 146:9.—The Lord relieveth the . . . widow.

id. 68:5.—A judge of the widows' is God in His Holy habitation.

Isa. 54:5.—Thy Maker is thy husband. The Lord of hosts is His name, and thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel. The God of the whole earth shall He be called.

id. 66:13.—As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

1 Tim. 5:4.—Now that she that is a widow indeed and desolate, trusteth in God and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

2 Cor. 1:3.—Blessed be God the Father of mercies, the God of all comfort.

Jno. 16:33.—These things I have spoken unto you that in Me ye

might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

READINGS AT FAMILY PRAYERS.

SUBJECT:—*Growth in Grace.*

Prov. 4:18.—But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Ep. 4:14, 25.—That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

But speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him (Christ) in all things which is the head, even Christ.

Psalm 84:5-7.—Blessed are they whose strength is in Thee in whose heart are the ways of them.

They go from strength to strength, everyone of them in Zion appeareth before God.

2 Cor. 3:18.—But we all with open face beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Pet. 3:18.—But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Phil. 3:12-14.—Not as though I had already attained either were already perfect, but I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

TEXTS APPROPRIATE FOR A CHRISTIAN TRAVELLING.

Prov. 20:24.—Man's goings are of the Lord.

Psalm 3:3.—Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me.

Gen. 28:15.—And behold I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.

Heb. 13:5.—I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Jas. 1:9.—Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Isa. 7:4.—Fear not, neither be fainthearted.

Psalm 91:10, 11.—There shall no evil befall thee; for He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.

Deu. 33:25.—Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days so shall thy strength be.

id. 27.—The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Psalm 91:4.—He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Gen. 15:1.—Fear not, I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.

Psalm 121:7, 8.—The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CLOCK.

The clock strikes One,
Teach me to say Thy Will be done.
The clock strikes Two,
Help me Thy Will to do.
The clock strikes Three,
I ask in faith to Follow Thee.
The clock strikes Four,
I pray for Trust for Evermore.
The clock strikes Five,
For Christian Speech, Help me to Strive.
The clock strikes Six,
Teach me my Hope on Thee to Fix.
The clock strikes Seven,
O Make my Life a way to Heaven.
The clock strikes Eight,
May I in Peace and Patience Wait.
The clock strikes Nine,
Let Love be Ever Mine.
The clock strikes Ten,
I Pray for Love to God and Men.
It strikes Eleven,
Let me each hour be nearer Heaven.
Twelve strokes I hear,
Now Perfect Love Hath Cast out Fear.

HOURLY THOUGHTS OF JESUS.

1 o'clock—Jesus. Matt. 1:21.
2 " Our Lord. 2 Thess. 2:16.
3 " Christ Our Life. Col. 3:4.
4 " He is Our Peace. Ep. 2:14.
5 " Christ Hath Made Us Free. Gal. 5:1.
6 " For ye serve the Lord Christ. Col. 3:24.
7 " Now ye are the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:27.

8 o'clock—He was manifested to take away our sins. 1 Jno. 3:5.
9 " And your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:3.
10 " I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me. Gal. 2:20.
11 " It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell. Col. 1:19.
12 " Christ in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! Psalm 139:17.

HOURLY ADMONITIONS.

1 o'clock—Watch. Mark 13:37.
2 " Be sober. 1 Thess. 5:6.
3 " Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:16.
4 " Pray for one another. Jas. 5:16.
5 " Bear ye one another's burdens. Gal. 6:2.
6 " Set your affections on things above. Col. 3:3.
7 " And be not conformed to this world. Rom. 12:2.
8 " Love one another with a pure heart fervently. 1 Pet. 1:22.
9 " Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Col. 3:17.
10 " Present your bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God. Rom. 12:1.
11 " And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord. Col. 3:23.
12 " Let your moderation be known unto all. The Lord is at hand. Phil. 4:5.

Exhorting one another daily and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25.

HOURLY PROMISES.

1 o'clock—Peace. Jno. 14:27.
2 " The Comforter. Jno. 14:26.
3 " Will never leave. Heb. 13:5.
4 " All things are ours. 1 Cor. 3:21.
5 " I will be your God. 2 Cor. 6:16.
6 " Lo I am with you alway. Matt. 28:20.
7 " The Lord knoweth them that are His. 2 Tim. 2:19.
8 " I go to prepare a place for you. Jno. 14:2.
9 " Where I am there shall also My servant be. Jno. 12:26.
10 " And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Jno. 11:26.

11 o'clock—Who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption. 1 Cor. 1:30.

12 " All the promises of God are yea and Amen in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 1:20.

He is faithful that promised. Heb. 10:23.

What He hath promised He is able also to perform. Rom. 4:21.

DAILY READINGS.

I. Psalm 72:15.—Daily shall He be praised.

id. 68:19.—Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

id. 34:1-50:23, Phil. 2:9-11, Heb. 13:15.

II. id. 86:3.—Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily.

id. 88:9.—Lord I have called daily unto Thee, I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.

id. 55:17, Luke 18:1, Ep. 6:18.

III. Acts 17:11.—These were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily.

2 Tim. 3:14-17, 2 Pet. 1:21, 2 Sam. 23:2, Psalm 119:9-11, Psalm 119:105, 130, 160, Jno. 10:35.

IV. Heb. 3:13.—Exhort one another daily while it is called to-day.

Acts 2:46, 47.—And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

id. 5:42.—And daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Heb. 10:25, Rom. 12:8, 2 Tim. 4:1, 2, Jude 3.

V. Prov. 8:34.—Blessed is the man that heareth Me; watching daily at My gates.

Mark 13:33-37, Luke 12:37, 1 Cor. 16:13.

VI. Luke 9:23.—If any man will come after Me (Christ) let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Mat. 16:24, Mark 10:21, Gal. 6:14, Col. 1:20, Hez. 12:2.

VII. Psalm 56:1, 2.—Be merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. Mine enemies would daily swallow me up, for they be many that fight against me, O Thou Most High.

Ep. 6:12, 2 Tim. 2:3, 4.

DAILY EXPERIENCE.

I.—Praise to Christ daily.

II.—Prayer daily.

III.—Searching the scriptures daily.

IV.—Exhortation daily.

V.—Watching daily.

VI.—Taking up the cross daily.

VII.—Fighting daily.

MORNING READINGS.

Exodus 16:21.—And they gathered Manna every morning, every man according to his eating.

Lam. 3:22, 23.—It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not; they are new every morning.

Job 7:17, 18.—What is man . . . That Thou shouldest visit him every morning.

Psalm 73:14.—I have been Chastened every morning.

Isa. 33:2.—Be Thou our arm every morning.

Zeph 3:5.—Every morning doth He (God) bring His judgment to light; he faileth not.

Ex. 30:7.—And Aaron shall burn thereon incense every morning.

1 Chron. 23:30.—Stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord.

2 Chron. 13:11.—And they shall burn unto the Lord every morning . . . Burnt sacrifices and sweet incense.

1 Chron. 9:27.—And the opening of the house of God every morning pertained to them.

Exod. 36:3.—And they brought unto Moses free offerings every morning.

Ezek. 46:13.—Thou shalt prepare a burnt offering unto the Lord every morning.

id. 14.—And thou shalt prepare a meat offering every morning.

id 15.—Thus shall they prepare the lamb and the meat offering, and the oil every morning for a continual burnt offering.

TO BE GIVEN EVERY MORNING.

1, Manna Given, Exod. 16:31; 2, New Mercies, Lam. 3:23; 3,

God Visits, Job 7:18; 4, God Chastens, Psalm 73:14; 5, Our Arm Isa. 33:2; 6, Judgments Seen, Zeph 3:5; 7, Worship, Ex. 30:7; 8, Praise, 1 Chron. 23:30; 9, Sacrifice, 2 Chron. 13:11; 10, Service, 1 Chron. 9:27; 11, Free Offering, Ex. 36:3; 12, Preparation, Ezek. 46:13–15.

THE INVALID'S NOSEGAY.

A refreshing nosegay gathered by a friend and affectionately presented to Zion's invalids.

What aileth thee? Judges 18:24.

When Sick.—Lord behold he (or she) whom thou lovest is sick. Jno. 11:3.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing. Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Psalm 41:3.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1.

When Weak.—He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Isa. 40:29.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:4.

When Weary.—And a man (Christ) shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isa. 32:2.

Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

When Oppressed.—O Lord I am oppressed; undertake for me. Isa. 38:14.

Cast (or roll) thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22.

When Tempted.—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Jas. 1:12.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13.

When Apprehensive of Judgment.—Who is able to stand before this Holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 1 Sam. 6:20.

What shall we then say to these things. If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that Justifieth.—Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:31, 33, 34.

Please examine each and tie all up with faith.

BANKING HINTS FOR BELIEVERS.

Believers are unspeakably richer than most of them are aware, and it would be well for them to adopt a few practical hints about the use of their riches, such as the following:

1.—Open a Saving's Account according to Matt. 6:20, 21.

2.—Make Use of the Check Book mentioned in 2 Peter 1:4, 2 Cor. 1:20.

3.—Remember the Essential Conditions of the Acceptance of all Checks on the Bank. Phil. 4:6, Matt. 21:22.

4.—Never Forget that there are Always Heavy Balances to your Credit. Phil. 4:19, Psalm 84:11, l. c., Ep. 3:20, Rom. 8:32.

5.—How Others May Become Rich. Matt. 6:33.

THE BELIEVER'S BANK.

1. Matt. 6:20, 21.—Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

2. 2 Peter 1:4.—Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises.

2 Cor. 1:20.—For all the promises of God in Him (Christ) are yea and in Him, Amen: unto the glory of God by us.

3. Phil. 4:6.—Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God.

Matt. 21:22.—And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

4. Phil. 4:19.—But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 84:11.—No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Ep. 3:20.—Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Rom. 8:32.—How shall He (God) not with Him (Christ) freely give us all things.

5. Matt. 6:33.—Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

A COMMAND, A PRAYER, AND A PROMISE.

We should attend to the Commands of God; We should pray for grace and strength to perform them, and We should treasure up in our memory suitable Promises for our encouragement.

Command—Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. Jer. 3:13.

Prayer—We have sinned and have committed iniquity and have done wickedly and have rebelled even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments. Dan. 9:5.

Promise—Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.

Command—Therefore, also, now, saith the Lord, turn ye to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping and with mourning. Joel 2:12.

Prayer—Consider and hear me, O Lord my God! lighten mine eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death. Psa. 13:3.

Promise—Verily, verily I say unto you, your sorrow shall be turned into joy. John 16:20.

Command—And rend your heart, not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God. Joel 2:13.

Prayer—But I am poor and sorrowful; let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. Psa. 69:29.

Promise—Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4.

Command—If iniquity be in thine hand put it far away and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. Job 11:14.

Prayer—Hide Thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities. Psa. 51:9.

Promise—The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because He hath anointed me . . to comfort all that mourn. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called Trees of righteousness. The planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. Isa. 61:1–3.

Command—Be afflicted and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Jam. 4:9.

Prayer—I wait for the Lord ; my soul doth wait and in His word do I hope. Psa. 130:5.

Promise—Because thine heart was tender and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord . . and hast rent thy clothes and wept before Me. I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. 2 Kings 22:19.

Command.—Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden. Matt. 11:28.

Prayer.—Mine iniquities are gone over mine head as a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. Psalm 38:4.

Promise.—I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

Command.—Let tears run down like a river, day and night; give thyself no rest, let not the apple of thine eye cease. Lam. 2:18.

Prayer.—My tears have been my meat day and night. Psalm 42:3.

Promise.—They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126:5.

Command.—Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar. Joel 2:17.

Prayer.—Mine eye poureth out tears unto God. Job 16:20.

Promise.—Thus saith the Lord . . . I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears, behold I will heal thee. 2 Kings 20:5, Isa. 38:5.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6.

Command.—Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2.

Prayer.—Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:6.

Promise.—Him (Jesus) hath God exalted with His right hand a Prince and Saviour for to give repentance to Israel and fogiveness of sins. Acts 5:31.

Command.—Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God. Him shalt thou serve and to Him shalt thou cleave. Deu. 10:20.

Prayer.—O, Lord! I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant and to the prayer of Thy servants who desire to fear Thy name and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant, this day. Neh. 1:11.

Promise.—The Lord shalt bless thy bread and thy water, and will take sickness away from the midst of thee. Ex. 23:25.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121:7, 8.

Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:3.

They shall prosper that love Thee. Psalm 122:6.

Command.—Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. Ex. 20:17.

Prayer.—Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies and not to covetousness. Psalm 119:36.

Promise.—Knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Heb. 10:34.

Command.—Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Eph. 4:29.

Prayer.—Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3.

Promise.—The mouth of the upright shall deliver them. Prov. 12:6.

Command.—But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Col. 3:8.

Prayer.—Hear the right O Lord, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer that goeth not out of feigned lips. Psalm 17:1.

Promise.—A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth. Prov. 13:2.

Command.—Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Col. 4:6.

Prayer.—Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14.

Promise.—The tongue of the wise is health. Prv. 12:18.

Command.—Say not thou I will recompense evil, wait on the Lord. Prov. 20:22.

Prayer.—Keep me from the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies who compass me about. Psalm 17:8, 9.

Promise.—The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9.

Command.—Envy thou not the oppressor; choose none of his ways. Prov. 3:31.

Prayer.—O let not the oppressed return ashamed, let the poor and needy praise Thy name. Psalm 74:21.

Promise.—By this I know that Thou favorest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. Psalm 41:11.

Command.—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19, 20.

Prayer.—Who is sufficient for these things? 2 Cor. 2:16.

Promise.—Our sufficiency is of God. 2 Cor. 3:5.

My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9.

Command.—Set the trumpet to thy mouth. Hos. 8:1.

Prayer.—Woe is me! for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Isa. 6:5.

Promise.—Lo I am with you alway, unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:20.

Command.—Train up a child in the way he should go. Psalm 22:6.

Prayer.—That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Psalm 144:12.

Promise.—And when he is old he will not depart from it. Psalm 22:6.

Thy children shall be like olive plants round about thy table. Psalm 128:3.

Command.—Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children and their children another generation. Joel 1:3.

Prayer.—O that Ishmael might live before Thee! Gen. 17:18.

Promise.—I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring. Isa. 44:3.

Command.—He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. Mic. 6:8

Prayer.—I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord which am but dust and ashes. Gen. 18:27.

Promise.—The Lord shall save the humble person. Job 22:29.

Command.—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord. Jas. 4:10.

Prayer.—I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant. Gen. 32:10.

Promise.—The Lord shall lift you up. Jas. 4:10.

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life. Prov. 22:4.

Command.—And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not. Jer. 45:5.

Prayer.—But who am I and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee. 2 Ch. 29:14.

Promise.—Honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. Prov. 29:23.

Command.—Submitting yourselves, one to another, in the fear of God. Ep. 5:21.

Prayer.—Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for thy mercy and for Thy truths' sake. Psalm 115:1.

Promise.—For thus saith the High and Lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa. 57:15.

Command.—Make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will ye die? Ezekiel 18:31.

Prayer.—Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10.

Promise.—A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and will give you an heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26.

Command.—Thus with the Lord stand in the ways and see, ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein. Jer. 6:16.

Prayer.—See if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:24.

Promise.—They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward.—Jer. 50:5.

Command. Keep thy heart with all diligence.—Prov. 4:23.

Prayer.—O! keep my soul, and deliver me!—Psalm 25:20.

Promise.—I, the Lord, do keep it lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Isa. 27:3.

Command.—Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart. Matt. 11:29.

Prayer.—That which I see not teach Thou me. Job 34:32.

Promise.—They shall all be taught of God. Jno. 6:45.

Command.—Let not sin reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom. 6:92.

Prayer.—Keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me. Psalm 19:13.

Promise.—Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law but under grace. Rom. 6:14.

Command.—Be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. 2 Tim. 1:8.

Prayer.—Let none that wait on Thee be ashamed. Psalm 25:3.

Promise.—They shall not be ashamed that wait for Me. Isa. 49:23.

Command.—Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. Mark 14:38.

Prayer.—Lead us not into temptation. Matt. 6:13.

Promise.—God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able. 1 Cor. 10:13.

Command.—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Eph. 6:10.

Prayer.—My soul melteth for heaviness, strengthen Thou me according to Thy word. Psalm 119:28.

Promise.—I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness. Isa. 41:10.

Command.—Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17.

Prayer.—Lord teach us to pray. Luke 11:1.

Promise.—I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication. Zech. 12:10

Command.—Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith. 1 Pet. 5:8, 9.

Prayer.—Save me from the lion's mouth. Psalm 22:21.

Promise.—The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. Rom. 16:20.

Command.—Be thou faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10.

Prayer.—Let integrity and uprightness preserve me. Psalm 25:21.

Promise.—Even to old age I am He, and even to hoary hairs I will carry you. Isa. 46:4.

Command.—Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. Psalm 47:6.

Prayer.—O Lord, open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Psalm 51:15.

Promise.—This people have I formed for myself, they shall shew forth My praise. Isa. 43:21.

Command.—Believe in the Lord your God. 2 Chron. 20:20.

Prayer.—Lord I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. Mark. 9:24.

Promise.—They shall trust in the name of the Lord. Zeph. 3:12.

Command.—Turn ye to the strong-hold, ye prisoners of hope. Zech. 9:12.

Prayer.—Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort. Psalm 71:3.

Promise.—He shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munition of rocks. Isa. 33:16.

Command.—Let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have. Heb. 13:5.

Prayer.—Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me. Prov. 30:8.

Promise.—For He hath said: I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Heb. 13:5.

Command.—And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. 6:8.

Prayer.—I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. Phil. 4:11.

Promise.—But Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6.

Command.—Be patient therefore brethren unto the coming of the Lord. Jas. 5:7, 8.

Prayer.—I waited patiently for the Lord. Psalm 40:1.

Promise.—Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Rev. 14:12.

Command.—But thou O man of God flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1 Tim. 6:11.

Prayer.—And Job said . . . The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21.

Promise.—Behold we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. Jas. 5:11.

Command.—For ye have need of patience. Heb. 10:36.

Prayer.—What shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? Job. 2:10.

Promise.—That after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10:36.

Command.—But let patience have her perfect work. Jas. 1:4.

Prayer.—I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him until He plead my cause and execute judgment for me. Micah 7:9.

Promise.—He will bring me forth to the light and I shall behold His righteousness. Micah 7:9.

Command.—That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. Titus 2:2.

Prayer.—The will of the Lord be done. Acts 21.14.

Promise.—The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Ecc. 7:8.

Command.—Keep the Sabbath day, to sanctify it as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Deu. 5:12.

Prayer.—This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24.

Promise.—Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. 58:13, 14.

Command.—Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations. Exodus 31:13.

Prayer.—And madest known unto them Thy holy Sabbath, and commandest them precepts, statutes and laws by the hand of Moses, Thy servant. Neh. 9:14.

Promise.—Blessed is the man that doeth this and the son of man that layeth hold on it, that keepeth the Sabbath, from polluting it and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Isa. 56:2.

Command.—They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them. Jer. 31:9.

Prayer.—For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. Psalm 38:17.

Promise.—For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. Jer. 31:25.

Command.—In those days and in that time saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together going and weeping, they shall go and seek the Lord their God. Jer. 50:4.

Prayer.—I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. Rom. 9:2.

Promise.—I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly who are of those to whom the reproach of it was a burden. Zeph. 3:18.

Command.—Surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. Jer. 22:22.

Prayer.—Make me to know my transgression and my sin. Job. 13:23.

Promise.—To set up on high those that be low that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. Job 5:11.

Command.—And the land shall mourn every family apart. Zech. 12:12.

Prayer.—Behold I am vile, what shall I answer Thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Job 40:4.

Promise.—I have seen his ways and I will heal him; I will lead him also and restore comfort unto him and to his mourners. Isa. 57:18.

Command.—But they that escape of them shall escape and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity. Eze. 7:16.

Prayer.—For I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:3.

Promise.—I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow. Jer. 31:13.

Command.—They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourneth for his only son and shall be in bitterness for Him as one that is in bitterness for his first born. Zech. 12:10.

Prayer.—O God, Thou knowest my foolishness and my sins are not hid from Thee. Psalm 69:5.

Promise.—Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezek. 9:4.

Command.—Turn ye from your evil ways and keep My commandments and My statutes. 2 King's 17:13.

Prayer.—Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine and we shall be saved. Psalm 80:3.

Promise.—Unto you first God having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 3:26.

Command.—Be clothed with humility. 1 Pet. 5:5.

Prayer.—Behold I am vile, what shall I answer Thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Job 40:4.

Promise.—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:3.

To this man will I look that is of an humble spirit to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa. 57:15.

He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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